



January 28-29, 2012

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOCKPORT •
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH

Special Offering on January 29 for United Voices for Children

United Voices for Children encourages congregations to make a difference in the lives of children by supporting and developing ministries for children and youth. On months where there is a 5th Sunday they also promote the **5th Sunday Appeal that provides critical financial resources** to the four United Methodist-related child-serving agencies in the Northern Illinois Conference: **ChildServ, Marcy-Newberry Association, MYSI Corporation,** and **Rosecrance.** *All* of these agencies are experiencing deep cuts in their public funding precisely at a time when the number & needs of the most vulnerable in our communities are growing. **By giving to United Voices for Children on January 29, you can provide much-needed help and hope** to children and families in struggling communities throughout northern Illinois. **To support the United Voices for Children Sunday,** write your check to our church with a note in the memo “*United Voices for Children,*” and place it in the Sunday offering plate or the Church Office. *Thank you!*



BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 29 Charles Llewellyn
Marie Saginus
Jan 31 Ken Clark
Feb 3 Mildred Powers

ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week

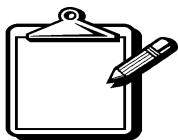
HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Childcare is provided—ask an usher.
- The nursery/cry room is located in the balcony of the sanctuary.
- Restrooms are located on the lower level—down the stairs to the right.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Praise Service Jan 21..... 6
Worship Service Jan 22..... 81

OF INTEREST TO ALL



CLIPBOARDS AVAILABLE FOR SIGNUP THIS WEEK

Clipboards for signups will be available in the narthex and downstairs in Yeoman Hall after worship or you may contact the person in charge for signups for events. **Signups for events currently are: volunteers for Circle of Love.**



Please let Pastor Joe or Mary, our Administrative Assistant, know if you are in need of a pastoral visit, in the hospital or at home or if you are in need to have a meal prepared because of a hospitalization. Call the church office at 815-838-1017.



Book Club - The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. Our selection for February is "The Good Earth", by Pearl S. Buck. We will be meeting on February 23rd^h at 7pm in Dystrup Study. If you enjoy reading a variety of books, along with conversation and dessert, give this group a try. We always have a great time. Questions....call Lynn Farr @815-838-8554 or email @ RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net.



5th Sunday Potluck & Mission Time - The Faith in Action Team is sponsoring its first 5th Sunday Potluck today right after the 10:30 service. But if you didn't bring a dish to share, don't fret, know that you are still welcome. The youth and adults that participated in the August 2011 Redbird trip will be our guest speakers. **DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH – BE THE CHURCH**



First UMC Movie Night - Our February movie night will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. The movie "**Dolphin Tale**" will be shown. The evening is free for the entire family and includes candy and popcorn.. For more information, see the church website at www.1umclockport.org or call the church office at 815-838-1017 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Can you hear me now? The catch phrase of a cellular phone system was designed to examine the clarity of sound coming out of your cell phone and to prompt you to consider making a change to improve your service. The Faith Development Committee, along with the Trustees, will be moving toward an improved sound system in the Sanctuary. Some of the immediate improvements will include moving the sound system controls to the balcony and some additional electronics to clear up and clean up the sound to make it more understandable. This first phase will cost about \$3,000. There are \$300 in memorial gifts and \$800 in donations given already toward the project. All we need is another \$1900. Additional funds may be needed for microphones and speakers, but this need will be assessed after the first phase is evaluated.



The Langley family would like to express their thanks for your cards, prayers, thoughts and concern during the loss of their loved one, Allen Langley. Your kind words will always be remembered. Thank you.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

New Sunday School Discussion Group: Why I Am a United Methodist - Starting in February and continuing for the next 8 weeks, the Explorers' adult Sunday school class will start reading and discussing a new but familiar book entitled *Why I Am a United Methodist* by William H. Willemon. Willemon, a Methodist pastor since 1971 was a professor at Duke University's Divinity School and became a bishop of the United Methodist Church in 2004, and is the author of more than 50 books. This video/book combination, *Why I Am a United Methodist* was popular last time it was discussed and so we are revisiting the work again. Whether you have been a life-long Methodist, or are new to the church, the discussion should prove to be enjoyable and enlightening. The chapters are short and if you miss a week or two of discussion it's easy to join in and pick back up. There are copies of the book available in the church library but if you would like to pick up your own the ISBN for print is 978-68745-356-6. If you would like to learn a bit more about the author you can visit his blog, A Peculiar Prophet <http://willimon.blogspot.com/> where for the last few weeks he has been writing on distinctive Wesleyan beliefs. The Explorers class meets in Fellowship Hall, located in the Education building outside the church office, class starts at 9 am and because we are an informal group, you are welcome to bring your coffee, tea or snacks.

OF INTEREST TO MEN



THE UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) - The next meeting for the UMM will be **Sunday, February 5** at 7:30 a.m. - see you there! Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship! **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY!**

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



Rachel and Bykota Circles do not meet in the month of January.
Sarah Circle - Sarah Circle will not be meeting in January.

OF INTEREST TO SENIORS



FIRST UMC SENIORS FELLOWSHIP - The next Seniors Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 4 for seniors 50 and over at 11:30 a.m. in Yeoman Hall. Bring your own table service and a dish for the buffet table. Guests are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP POSSIBILITIES

CIRCLE OF LOVE MINISTRY The First United Methodist Church of Lockport provides feminine and incontinence products and diapers to families who are registered with the Lockport Food Pantry. The ministry is located at 1000 S. Washington St., Lockport. Open every Wednesday, two volunteers are needed to assist clients from 9AM to noon.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is a very important ministry at First United Methodist Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, see Paul Farr, or phone Paul at (815) 838-8554.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, February 4: 5:00 PM Praise & Worship Service
Pastor Joe preaching Music by: Eric Oberg

SUNDAY, February 5: 10:30 AM - Pastor Joe, preaching

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859);
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**FISH Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion
Coffee Hour**



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sat, Jan 28: 10:30 AM - Kristin Young, Ed. Bldg.

5:00 PM - Praise & Worship

Sun, Jan 29: 9:00 AM - Sunday School classes for all ages

10:30 AM - Worship

11:45 AM - Fifth Sunday Potluck; Choir rehearsal after the Potluck; Faith in
Action Team meeting after the Potluck

Mon, Jan 30: NO Dartball—Bye

Tues, Jan 31: 7:00 PM - Church Council meeting

Wed, Feb 01: 9:00 AM - Circle of Love

Thurs, Feb 02: No events scheduled

Fri, Feb 03: No events scheduled

Sat, Feb 04: 10:30 AM - Kristin Young, Ed. Bldg.

11:30 AM - Seniors Fellowship Luncheon in Yeoman Hall

5:00 PM - Praise & Worship Service

Sun, Feb 05: 7:30 AM - United Methodist Men's Breakfast in Yeoman Hall

9:00 AM - Sunday School classes for all ages

10:30 AM - Worship; Sacrament of Holy Communion

11:45 AM - Coffee Hour; Choir rehearsal

FISH Pantry collection



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Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. You may leave a message any time.

Circle of Love Ministry

is open Wednesdays from 9AM to noon.